

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**IN RE:**

**Order Regarding Measures to Combat  
Spread of COVID-19**

**Misc. No.: 1-20-mp-00004**

**ORDER**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is cognizant of the fact that public health authorities recommend social distancing as a means of slowing the spread of novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"). See [Court Notice](#) for additional information. Conducting hearings telephonically, where practical and appropriate, will reduce the quantity and frequency of gatherings at the Court.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that, until further order of the Court, the Court will remain open for the conduct of official business; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that all Court appearances after March 18, 2020 shall be conducted telephonically, unless expressly directed otherwise by the presiding Judge; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that parties seeking to participate in a telephonic hearing must make arrangement to do so either by contacting CourtCall at 1-866-582-6878 or following the instructions on the Court's website. See [Court Website](#)

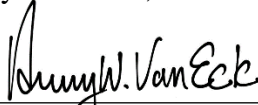
**FURTHER ORDERED** that all evidentiary hearings and trials presently scheduled to occur through April 17, 2020 shall be continued for a period of 28 days; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that any party (including pro-se litigants) seeking to continue a hearing subject to this Order for any reason, including the inability to appear telephonically, shall seek concurrence from each of the other parties to the hearing (including pro-se litigants) before submitting such a request to the Court; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

Dated: March 17, 2020

By the Court,



Henry W. Van Eck, Chief Bankruptcy Judge (JH)